

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CHANGES TO THE CHARTER  
2014

1. **Removing Treasurer as an elected official and appointing the Finance Director as Treasurer with no additional compensation.**

Chapter II, Section 2  
Chapter IV, Section 4

2. **Changing the Mayor's Term to four years.**

Chapter I, Section 4  
Chapter IV, Section 1

3. **Adding the Mayor's Compensation package to the Charter.**

Chapter IV, Section 1

4. **Changing the Common Council term to four years.**

Chapter 1, Section 4  
Chapter III, Section 1

5. **Adding the Common Council's stipend to the Charter.**

Chapter III, Section 1

6. **Removing Sheriffs from City officials.**

Chapter II, Section II

7. **Changing the name of City Attorney to General Counsel**

Chapter IV, Section 8

8. **Removing the Town Clerk consulting with General Counsel under Initiative and only making the General Counsel responsible.**

Chapter III, Section 7 B

9. **Raising the bond limit to \$1,000,000 without referendum.**

Chapter IX, Section 2

10. **Renaming the Mayor's Administrative Assistant to Chief of Staff.**

Chapter IV, Section 1

11. **Amending Permanent Vacancy in the Office of the Mayor to account for a four-year term.**

Chapter III, Section 8E

12. **Authority of the Common Council to set salaries and stipends for elected officials**

Chapter III, Section 4

13. **Approving four year terms for all elected officials, including changes to the Mayor, Common Council and Board of Assessment Appeals.**

14. **Maintaining staggered terms for Board of Education and Planning and Zoning.**

15. **Adding a section to the Charter for the Middletown Fire District to include an elected Board of Commissioners of five members to five year terms with the power to set the budget and mill rate (like South Fire and Westfield Fire Districts)**